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SUBJECT: FY-76 AFRICAN SENIOR RESEARCH AWARDS/VISITING
LECTURER PROGRAM

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1. FOR NAIROBI AND LAGOS: DEPARTMENT WISHES THANK POSTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DAPHNE NENE'S PROPOSED VISITS. HOWEVER, AFTER SEVERAL DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS EXPERIENCED AT THIS END IN PREPARING FOR HER TRIP, MRS. NENE, ANXIOUS TO RETURN HOME, DECIDED TO ABANDON LAGOS AND NAIROBI STOPS. SHE ASKED THAT HER APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS BE PASSED ALONG TO POSTS CONCERNED AND TO DR. IWEZE IN NIGERIA.

2. FOR PRETORIA: NENE DEPARTED JULY 27 VIA PA 106 TO LONDON AND WILL CONTINUE TO JOHANNESBURG JULY 30 VIA BA 11 ARRIVING JULY 31 AT 11:45. SHE SAYS SHE WAS NOT ISSUED HER 50 POUNDS EXCESS BAGGAGE BEFORE DEPARTING SOUTH AFRICA. THEREFORE SHE USED PERSONAL FUNDS AND WILL VISIT EMBASSY TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT UPON HER RETURN.

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----MRS. NENE HAD VERY FULL AND PRODUCTIVE U. S. PROGRAM.

FROM FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY SHE LECTURED AT NEW ORLEANS

CONSORTIUM (XAVIER U., DILLARD U. AND SOUTHERN U., WHERE SHE WAS BASED IN DEPARTMENT OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES). HER TOPIC WAS AFRICAN WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS' WORK IN RURAL AREAS. WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, SHE VISITED AND GAVE INFORMAL TALKS IN NUMEROUS CHURCH COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS. IN JUNE AND JULY, MRS. NENE WAS AFFILIATED WITH DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY (PROF. JEROME WRIGHT) AT HOWARD U. TO ENABLE HER TO CONDUCT RESEARCH FOR HER MASTERS THESIS. THIS PORTION OF HER PROGRAM WAS LESS SUCCESSFUL THAN ANTICIPATED BUT NENE DID MAKE SOME USEFUL CONTACTS IN HER FIELD AND COMPILED A GOOD BIBLIOGRAPHY. SHE PARTICIPATED IN FOLLOWING CONFERENCES WHILE IN THIS COUNTRY: OVERSEAS LIAISON COMMITTEE SEMINAR ON AFRICAN WOMEN IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT; CONFERENCE ON RESOURCE INEQUITIES AND CULTURAL DIVERSITIES AT FLORIDA STATE U. AND TWO CONFERENCES FOR VISITING FULBRIGHT-HAYS SENIOR SCHOLARS IN WASHINGTON AND MISSOURI. SHE HAD MANY PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS INCLUDING VISITS TO LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, ASSN. FOR ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, FORD FOUNDATION AND CARNEGIE INSTITUTE. MRS. NENE WAS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THIS PROGRAM. AN AMIABLE, OUTGOING AND RESOURCEFUL PERSON, SHE MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS WHEREVER SHE WENT AND CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO NUMEROUS AMERICANS' KNOWLEDGE OF HER COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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